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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mill Valley – US Capitol Rioter Wanted by FBI Applies for Asylum in Belarus

(U) A California man wanted by the FBI for allegedly assaulting police officers during the US Capitol Riot said he is seeking asylum due to “political persecution,” the Belarus state media reported. Evan Neumann, 48, of Mill Valley was charged earlier this year with six crimes related to his alleged participation in the 6 January Capitol Riot, according to a criminal complaint. Neumann stated that after the FBI began searching for him, he went into hiding, then fled to Europe where he moved around several countries until he arrived in Ukraine in mid-March. Neumann claimed authorities in Ukraine began following him, prompting him to enter Belarus by foot in August, where he was detained by the country's border guards.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) San Jose – Federal Agents Seize 650-Pounds of Meth, Four Indicted on Distribution Charges

(U) Federal authorities raided a stash house containing 588-pounds of methamphetamine in a series of seizures that yielded 650-pounds of the drug in total. In addition to the methamphetamine, authorities seized 15-pounds of heroin and recovered several guns from the suspected stash house. Four individuals were charged with involvement in a drug operation that authorities had been pursuing since 2018.

SOURCE: 9 November 2021, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Detains Group of 182 Migrants

(U) Tucson – US Border Patrol agents detained 182 undocumented migrants who had illegally crossed the US-Mexico border, officials reported Monday. A spokesperson for US Border Patrol's Tucson Sector indicated that uniformed officers from the Three Points station located the large group west of Sasabe. Out of the 182 migrants, 124 were minors unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [Latin US](#)

(U) Arizona – Two Arrested After Authorities Find 31 Migrants in Trailer

(U) Tucson – Two US citizens are facing charges after they attempted to smuggle 31 migrants into the United States, authorities reported Monday. A spokesperson for US Border Patrol's Tucson Sector said the migrants were found in a dilapidated trailer near Nogales.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [KOLD News 13](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – Federal Agents Seize 100-Kilograms of Cocaine

(U) Chicago – Federal agents seized 100-Kilograms of cocaine, arrested three individuals, and seized a private plane as part of an operation that took place last week, officials announced Monday. The cocaine was part of a suspected Mexico-to-Chicago drug pipeline. According to criminal complaints, 176-

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pounds were found in a vehicle in Chicago's River North neighborhood, while another 44-pounds were taken from a hotel room along Chicago's Gold Coast. The drugs allegedly were flown into an airport in Indiana from Houston and originated in Toluca, Mexico. A man from Toluca and a man from Columbus, Indiana, were arrested Wednesday in downtown Chicago, and an Indianapolis man was arrested Thursday. A warrant was obtained Monday to seize the plane.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [WGN9](#)

(U) New York – Bomb Threats Called into Multiple Ivy League Universities

(U) New York – Brown, Cornell, and Columbia University evacuated parts of their campuses on Sunday after receiving bomb threats, just days after another bomb threat was reported at Yale University. Text message alerts notified students at each campus in the early afternoon to the possible threats and instructions to evacuate from some campus buildings. It is not clear if the threats are connected and no suspect has been publicly connected to any of the calls, which were all later deemed to be false threats.

SOURCE: 7 November 2021, [CBS News](#)

(U) Washington – Bomb Squad Detonates Explosive Material Found Inside Arlington Home

(U) Arlington – The Washington State Patrol bomb squad assisted the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office with a raid on a home in Arlington on Friday. Officers first responded to the residence after a reported shooting there on 4 November. Upon arrival, police found the suspect had a previous felony and is prohibited from owning firearm. Authorities found explosives and conducted a controlled detonation at the home. The FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) were also on scene investigating. The suspect was arrested for assault in the first degree, unlawful possession of a firearm and threats to kill, according to documents.

SOURCE: 6 November 2021, [KIRO 7](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Appoints Members as 44 Governors, Police Chiefs

(U) Kabul – The Taliban appointed 44 of its members to key roles including provincial governors and police chiefs on Sunday. It is first large-scale round of appointments announced since the cabinet was formed in September. There have been international calls for the group to negotiate with other political players to form an inclusive government including minorities and women, although substantive progress on that has so far not materialized.

SOURCE: 7 November 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq – Iran-backed Militia Suspected in Drone Attack on Iraqi Prime Minister

(U) Baghdad – A drone attack that targeted the Iraqi Prime Minister on Sunday was carried out by at least one Iran-backed militia, according to Iraqi security officials and militia sources. Two Iraqi security officials stated that the Kataib Hezbollah and Asaib Ahl al-Haq groups carried out the attack in tandem. Militia sources said the commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards overseas Quds Force travelled to Iraq on Sunday after the attack to meet paramilitary leaders and urge them to avoid any further escalation of violence. No group has officially claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [Reuters](#) [Associated Press](#)

(U) Pakistan – Government Agrees to One-Month 'Complete Ceasefire' with Local Taliban Militants

(U) Islamabad – The Pakistani government and the armed group, Pakistan Taliban (TTP), have agreed to a one-month ceasefire. According to a government spokesman, peace talks between the government and the TTP began last month, and the truce could be extended if talks continue to make progress. The

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ceasefire would remain in place until 9 December, during which both sides will form a committee to continue talks. The Taliban government in Afghanistan helped facilitate the ceasefire, according to officials.

SOURCE: 9 November 2021, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) Poland – Migrant Crisis Worsens on Poland-Belarus Border as Troops are Mobilized

(U) Kuznica – Polish officials accused neighboring Belarus of helping move migrants toward their remote border territory and warned that thousands of additional military personnel have been mobilized to respond to confrontations. According to the spokesman for the Polish Border Guard, around 4,500 border guards and about 9,500 Polish Army soldiers are stationed as "a group of several-thousand migrants are heading towards the Polish border." Polish Territorial Defense Forces also raised the alert level in response.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [CNN](#)

(U) Syria – Syrian Democratic Forces Disrupt Major ISIS Prison Break Operation

(U) Hasakah – US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) disrupted a "major" Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) operation to break 5,000 detainees out of prison, the SDF announced on Monday. The International Coalition for Operation Inherent Resolve provided support to the forces. The SDF discovered an ISIS vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (IED) and a weapons cache during the operation in Deir ez-Zor with coalition support. SDF forces engaged an ISIS cell, killing one militant and detaining five. The coalition then destroyed the vehicle-borne IED in an airstrike. Documents, equipment, and a large weapons cache were seized in the operation.

SOURCE: 8 November 2021, [Kurdistan 24](#)

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